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To: Members of the staff

From: Director of Personnel

Subject: UNITED NATIONS STAFF RELIEF COMMITTEE FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE SNOW STORM IN MONGOLIA

1. A heavy snow storm hit three western provinces of Mongolia during the last weeks in April 1993, the worst natural disaster to afflict the country in many years. The snowfall reached 60 to 156 centimetres in the Bayanhongor, Govi Altai and Zavhan provinces, an area of more than 150,000 square kilometres inhabited by 100,000 people. Several other provinces were also affected. According to government estimates, at least 60 people died and hundreds of households cannot be reached. Approximately 1 million head of livestock have been lost and the number is rising. Information from remote areas is not fully available as some locations are still inaccessible.

2. With the approval of the Secretary-General and the support of the Staff Committee, a United Nations Staff Relief Committee for the Victims of the Snow Storm in Mongolia has been set up to conduct a United Nations-wide appeal for funds to assist the victims of the disaster. The Committee members are Mrs. Sarangerel Erdembileg, Chairman, Mr. Enkhsaikhan Sainjargal, Treasurer, and Ms. Melanie De Leon, Secretary.

3. Contributions in cash will be collected by authorized staff members on behalf of the Committee, beginning on 16 June 1993. Cheque and cash donations may be forwarded through the Treasurer of the Committee, Mr. Enkhsaikhan Sainjargal, 2 United Nations Plaza, room DC2-1626, New York, N.Y. 10017 (telephone No. 963-4561).

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